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WILFLEY TO THE SENATE

St. Louis Attorney Will Accept Appointment From Governor.

Jefferson City, April 29.—Governor Gardner tonight appointed Xenophon P. Wilfley, chairman of the election board of St. Louis, as United States Senator to succeed the late William Joel Stone. Mr. Wilfley, who arrived in Jefferson City tonight, will accept. The governor also announced the appointment of Former Judge Daniel G. Taylor as chairman of the St. Louis election board.

Mr. Wilfley's appointment holds until the November election, when a successor in the Senate must be chosen. He will run for the unexpired term of Senator Stone, which will terminate March 4, 1921.

Mr. Wilfley is a native of Audrain County, a graduate of Central College and Washington University, and before being admitted to the practice of law was a teacher. He taught in the schools of Mexico and Sedalia. He is the fourth man to whom the senatorship was offered, the others being David R. Francis, Speaker Champ Clark and Judge W. W. Graves.

Governor Gardner gave out a formal statement about Wilfley, in which he said:

"In announcing the appointment of Xenophon P. Wilfley to fill the vacancy in the United States Senate caused by the death of Senator Stone, I desire to say that my action in this matter has been dictated solely by what I considered to be the best interests of the people of the state and Nation. I have not permitted the personal ambition or the future of any individual to be a factor in my decision.

"Mr. Wilfley is a native Missourian, having been born on a farm in Audrain County, of humble parentage. He was unable to attend school until 12 years of age. He worked his way, without financial aid from parents or friends, through the schools and was graduated from Central College and Washington University with honors. He entered the practice of law in St. Louis and is now the head of one of the city's leading law firms.

"Being a product of our institutions, and having demonstrated that the door of opportunity is open to every American youth with energy, determination and a purpose in life, he has a proper appreciation of the great fundamental principles involved in this war and the courage, ability and patriotism to stand firmly for the measures necessary to bring victory to American arms and ideals, and thereby perpetuate our institutions.

"In making this appointment I not only have selected a 100 per cent American, but I have sought to impress upon the boys of our land that the door of opportunity is ajar for each of them, no matter how humble he may be. Mr. Wilfley is a loyal American, thoroughly devoted to his country and as a member of the Senate, will ably and wholeheartedly uphold the administration in the prosecution of the war, and truly reflect the sentiment, loyalty and ambition of Missouri. I can assure the people he will make a record in that august body that will be an inspiration to every lover of the cause of liberty and stir the heart of every patriotic Missourian with pride."

A Sedalia Man Killed by Train.

Sedalia, Mo., April 28.—John Schrader, 38 years old, a former employee of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad of this city, was killed by a train at Schell City last night.

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Former Bates Counting Governor of Oklahoma.

A former resident of this county was governor of the state of Oklahoma for a short time last week. He was Charley Board, who once lived in the Ballard neighborhood. Several years ago he migrated to Oklahoma and like many others that went there from this state, he mixed in politics. He was elected to several county offices and finally landed in the state senate and was made president pro tem of that body. On the morning of April 10 he was notified that he was acting governor of the commonwealth as both the governor and lieutenant governor had gone to Bowie, Texas, to see a parade of the Oklahoma boys of the National army. The dispatches do not state just how much he had to do as acting governor but it is a safe bet that he was a good one.

JUDGE GRAVES DECLINES

Decides to Remain on the Supreme Bench Rather Than Go to the Senate.

When the death of Senator Stone left a vacancy in the United States Senate, Governor Gardner, whose duty it was to fill the vacancy by appointment, after considering the merits of several of the leading Democrats of the state, tendered the appointment to Judge W. W. Graves, presiding justice of the Missouri Supreme Court. After consulting his family and friends, Judge Graves arrived at the conclusion that as his whole public life had been spent in the law, he should decline the proffered honor, which he did in the following letter:

"Dear Governor: "I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your very kind note of the 26th inst., offering to me the Senatorship from Missouri, as successor to the late lamented Senator William J. Stone. Words can not express my gratitude to you for this unexpected, but distinguished honor, thus conferred upon me. May my future life demonstrate to you that the honor was not misplaced. To hold a seat in the upper house of the greatest legislative body of the world is a distinction which comes to but few, and to say that your offer did not kindle anew the fires of ambition would be to utter an untruth. But these are trying times for this republic, and times when each man should serve where he thinks that he can serve best. I have tried to give your very kind offer the best consideration that I have in me, and have taken counsel with my family and many friends. Personal ambitions, on the one hand, and inconveniences and discomforts on the other, I have tried to leave out of the consideration. After this character of a consideration, I have concluded that I should not accept this high post of honor.

"As you may know, my whole life has been wedded to the law. With me it has been a labor of love. I have never sought promotion or held office, except along the line of my profession. My study of Statecraft has been a casual one, and one prompted solely by the desire for general information, and not with the view of pre-emption in the field of politics.

"Under ordinary circumstances one has, without serious public loss, ample time to adjust himself to a new field of action. But not so now. With the world literally on fire, and the very liberty of all free peoples at stake, it is a time when the man should serve where he thinks, by his training, he can serve best. This is no hour for slackers, but I feel that I can more efficiently render public service with the judiciary than in the U. S. Senate, and I know it is more congenial to my tastes.

"I note in the public press you desire to have a man who will stand firmly at the back of President Wilson in this great struggle for the world's liberty. This I most heartily endorse, but I feel that there are many men in loyal Missouri from whom you can choose such a man, and that the one you may select will not only support the President, but will otherwise ably and signally represent our growing Commonwealth. So again thanking you for the distinguished honor you have conferred upon me, and regretting that my best judgment prompts a declination of the Senatorship at this time, I beg to remain,

"Very Sincerely Yours,
"W. W. GRAVES."

Prominent Kansas Attorney Dead.

Balie P. Waggener, one of the most prominent attorneys of the state of Kansas, died at his home in Atchison Sunday afternoon. He was 70 years old and for the last 44 years had been in the legal department of the Missouri Pacific railroad.

He was perhaps best known for his interest in children, and each year on his birthday, the 18th of July, he had a picnic for the children of Atchison. Last year when the time arrived he was in a hospital in another state, but he did not forget and ordered the picnic to be held as usual. The confectioners were ordered to supply ice cream and all the good things for his little friends, but they asked that the picnic be postponed until he was able to be with them.

Germany's Losses, 2 Million.

Amsterdam, April 26.—Germany's losses thus far in the war have been 2 million men, according to a statement credited by the Frankfurter Zeitung as having been made by General Schulze before the main committee of the German Reichstag.

Sick and wounded men to the number of 3-4 million have been able to return to the front, according to General Schulze, while 629,000 have been discharged as unfit for service including 70,000 cripples. Up to date, the general added, Germany had to reckon with about 98,000 cripples.

Cass County Preacher to War.

Rev. William E. Sullens, pastor of the M. E. church, South, of Harrisonville, has been granted permission by his bishop to enlist in the army as a chaplain, says the Cass County Democrat.

Rev. Sullens has forwarded his papers to Washington and his appointment is looked for at an early date.



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No. 202 local freight	12:30 p. m.

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Former Butler Lady Badly Burned.

From the Cass County Democrat we learn that Mrs. C. A. Burke, wife of Prof. C. A. Burke, who was at one time superintendent of the Butler public schools, was badly burned when a stove in her home at Harrisonville, exploded, the fire puffing out into her face. She supposed that the fire was out, and she laid new kindling, on which she poured oil, preparatory to lighting, when the accumulated gases were ignited by a coal and the explosion took place.

Huns Took 183 Americans.

Washington, April 25.—The number of Americans killed in the German attack of April 20, near Seicheprey was less than a dozen, and the number of injured was about twenty. These figures, made known today, appeared to give support to the German claim that 183 Americans were captured since it previously had been admitted that the American casualties were around two hundred.

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